

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7448

Petition of New England Power Company, d/b/a )  
National Grid, for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant )  
to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j), authorizing construction )  
associated with the revitalization of its 115 kV and 46/69 )  
kV substations in the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, )  
located adjacent to the hydroelectric generating station )  
owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc )

Order entered: 7/1/2011

**ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO CONSTRUCTION PLANS**

On September 19, 2008, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a Certificate of Public Good to New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid ("NEP"), authorizing the construction associated with the revitalization of its 115 kV and 46/69 kV substations in the Town of Rockingham, Vermont. Condition 1 of the CPG provides that:

Construction, operation, and maintenance of the project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence submitted in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

On June 2, 2011, NEP filed assessment data and details reflecting modifications to the proposed project's access and construction plans. NEP proposes to use the existing routes along Mill Street and Bridge Street for access to the project after modifications are made to the NEP substation access road off of Bridge Street. The modifications to the access road off of Bridge Street include the installation of 4 to 6 inches of gravel on the northern half of the road and the widening of a short segment of the road. NEP also proposes to install temporary parking, storage, office facilities, and laydown areas along the two access routes.

In its June 2 filing, NEP stated that the proposed modifications will not pose any potential for undue adverse impact under the relevant 30 V.S.A. § 248 criteria and will be consistent with the requirements of the September 19, 2008, Order. NEP's June 2 filing included memoranda

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1. CPG of 9/19/08 at 1.

addressing the impacts to aesthetics, historic sites, archaeological resources, soils quality, and the natural environment. NEP requested that the Board approve the modifications to the proposed project.

On June 16, 2011, the Board requested comment on the proposed modifications. No party filed comments.

The Board approves the modifications to the construction plans filed on June 2, 2011, for the revitalization of NEP's 115 kV and 46/69 kV substations in Rockingham.

**So ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2011.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	
	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 1, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.*